(c) the steps Government propose to take in order to overcome this barrier?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) Due to security considerations, Cellular Mobile Service Licence Agreement, *inter alia,* provides that the licensee shall create a buffer zone of 10 Kms. Width along the Indian-International border, if any, where no services would be permitted. This stipulation has been incorporated with a view to restricting the spill over of cellular mobile signals beyond the international border, so that they cannot be misused for trans-border operations by terrorists, smugglers and other anti-national elements. However, these services have been permitted at a few places on an experimental basis to see whether the requisite technique to stop the signals from crossing over the international border is effective and stable on the ground.

Withdrawal of troops from Siachen

†3399. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to withdraw troops from Siachen;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the decision of withdrawing Army from Siachen are being taken under the foreign pressure; and

(d) precautionary steps being taken to face the situation arising out of the same?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (d) A ceasefire has been in force on Actual Ground Position Line (AGPL) in Siachen area since the midnight of 25th November, 2003. There is no decision at present to pull out troops from Siachen Glacier.

Investigations into communal riots at Mau (U.P.)

3400. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.